

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the acknowledgment of allowability of claims 1-5. Claims 6-20 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to file a divisional application drawn to the non-elected subject matter.

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Applicant has not yet received acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed with the U.S. Patent Office on October 13, 2006. Accordingly, Applicant kindly request return of an initialed copy of the attached PTO-1449 form filed with the U.S. Patent Office on October 13, 2006, a copy of which is enclosed along with a copy of the stamped receipt therefor.

CONCLUSION

All objections having been addressed, and in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Application is believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if any points remain in issue which may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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For: VIBRATION ISOLATION SYSTEM, VIBRATION ISOLATION METHOD,
LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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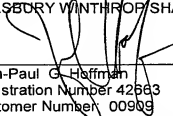
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the reference(s) has been considered, per MPEP § 609.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the U.S. filing date AND after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance.

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